

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NOS. [2017-370-E](#), [2017-207-E](#), and [2017-305-E](#) ORDER NO. 2018-156-H

OCTOBER 26, 2018

David Butler
Hearing Officer

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Docket No. 2017-370-E – Joint Application and Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Dominion Energy, Incorporated for Review and Approval of a Proposed Business Combination between SCANA Corporation and Dominion Energy, Incorporated, as May Be Required, and for a Prudency Determination Regarding the Abandonment of the V.C. Summer Units 2 & 3 Project and Associated Customer Benefits and Cost Recovery Plans

Docket No. 2017-207-E – Friends of the Earth and Sierra Club, Complainant/Petitioner v. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, Defendant/Respondent

Docket No. 2017-305-E – Request of the Office of Regulatory Staff for Rate Relief to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Rates Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-920

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Filing of Depositions as Part of Pre-filed Rebuttal Testimony of Office of Regulatory Staff

HEARING OFFICER ACTION:

Counsel for South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G”) points out that the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) filed as a part of its pre-filed rebuttal testimony a series of depositions, and points to Order No. 2018-149-H as prohibiting this practice. I agree. ORS’s reply notwithstanding, Order No. 2018-149-H clearly discusses the possible reduction in efficiency that could occur should the parties attempt to mix the non-pre-filed testimony and deposition testimony with the pre-filed testimony (emphasis added). The Order goes on to state that pre-filed testimony will be heard and considered prior to the non-pre-filed testimony and deposition testimony, “unless permission to deviate from this policy is granted by the Chairman.” To my knowledge, no permission has been sought. Accordingly, SCE&G is correct in its assertions, and the deposition testimony submitted by ORS shall not be permitted as part of its pre-filed rebuttal testimony. (For general reference, I am attaching a copy of Order No. 2018-149-H for further review by ORS and the other parties.) ORS is

welcome to attempt to submit the depositions filed under consideration here in the non-pre-filed testimony-deposition portion of the hearing, which will take place after completion of the pre-filed testimony. This ends the Hearing Officer's Directive.